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Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee What Will It Finally Do?

by D. A. Atkins

I have heard the expression, "the third time is a charm." If that's true then maybe, just maybe, this third draft of my article concerning the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee (RAHAC) will be the final one. It seems like every time I try to write it, I find out something new that changes things, and this story is too important to report inaccurately.

The controversy surrounding the purpose and activities of the RAHAC was brought to my attention when I began receiving mail, from some very irritated people in the community, concerning the possibility of a teen health center being established here.

The RAHAC is a committee that, in the past two years, has received \$40,000 to study the health needs of teens in the Romulus area. The funding for the project comes from the Michigan Health Department, which has given money to several districts for such studies; none of the money being spent by the RAHAC comes from our school system. The Health Department also pays the wages of RAHAC Project Director Kathleen Conway.

"Nothing is being proposed! It is only a study of what may or may not be needed by Romulus students." That is what Judy Cavell, Health Services Manager of Heritage Hospital, said when she was asked about the possibility of a teen health clinic being implemented in the Romulus schools. According to Cavell, nothing is being done at present except taking surveys, gathering information, and holding committee meetings.

Some Romulus citizens, however, believe that such "surveys and information gathering" may lead to a teen health clinic that would also include "Family Planning." They fear that such a clinic will dispense birth-control devices to teens, offer advice concerning abortions, and refer pregnant teens to clinics where abortions are performed.

Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Romulus Schools, says that nothing can be accomplished by the Committee without the approval of the School Board if such a clinic was to be located on School property.

Romulus City Councilman Noah "Pete" Bergeron, who serves on the PCHA Board at Annapolis and is also a parent representative on the RAHAC,

tions the RAHAC has concerning birth control and abortion (if a clinic is established), I contacted a Ms. Hoover from the Michigan Health Department.

formed, nor may any abortion referrals be given.

RAHAC Project Director Conway says that sexual activity is a serious problem in the schools, as is peer pressure and alcohol and substance abuse. I have found, through some of these surveys taken by the Committee, that seven out of ten senior-high students are sexually active, three out of ten junior-high students are sexually active, three out of ten senior-high students are using controlled substances, and three out of ten junior-high students are drinking beer or wine. I also learned that 24 students in the Romulus School District allegedly are either pregnant now or were pregnant at the time the surveys were conducted. These surveys were taken from students in the Romulus Junior High and Senior High; surveys were also taken of the parents of these children.

These statistics seem to indicate that there is a drastic need for sex education and alcohol- and substance-abuse education; more also needs to be learned about other teen problems such as child abuse. The question here is this: Who should be providing this instruction, and to what extent? The schools are a perfect place for educating students about all these problems, but it would seem that, before the schools get started with these programs, it would be much wiser for the parents to do a considerable amount of this teaching in their own homes.

I don't know if a clinic is what is needed; the possibility of just adding more nurses to the School District may be the answer. One thing I do believe is that distributing birth-control devices to teens is definitely not the answer. Michigan Health Department spokesperson Hoover said that she, along with the State, would like to see abstinence taught, since that would eliminate the problem of sexually transmitted diseases as well as the need for birth control or abortions.

Mankind has had to cope with these problems since the beginning of time; can the RAHAC and its studies come

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said, "I feel that sex education, in itself, is needed in our school system, but I am against, and do not condone, birth-control devices or abortion referrals being given in our schools."

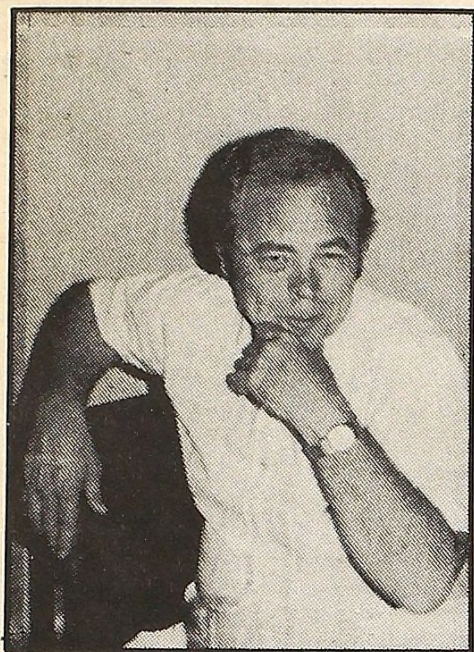
There are several options that the Committee can pursue when its studies are finally completed but, at this point, no one seems to know, after over a year of studies and surveys, exactly which one will be chosen.

In order to discover just what op-

She said that no birth-control devices may be dispensed by a clinic doctor or nurse if the clinic is located on school grounds; however, prescriptions for such birth-control devices that may be needed may be issued by a clinic doctor. If a clinic is established off school property, then birth-control devices may be dispensed directly to the teens by the clinic. While a clinic is funded by the State, regardless of its location, no abortions may be per-

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Kids Having Kids

by D. A. Atkins

It is bad enough when two grown adults have children and, for some reason, split up. In most cases, the mother is left to take care of the children and bear most (and, in some cases, all) of the responsibilities. Husbands and fathers (not all, but some) feel they do not have a responsibility to take care of the children because they no longer live at home.

It is even worse when children, usually teenagers, try to play adult and have babies of their own. Babies having babies.

Usually, the mother does not know how to care for a newborn baby and, most certainly, the teenage father does not know how. Even worse, however, is

the lack of responsibility that both teenagers have toward the new life they have brought into this world.

Generally, the grandparents of these babies help the new parents as much as they can but, on the other hand, that is not always true, either.

In many cases, the couple is too young to get married, and the boy isn't old enough to get a decent-paying job (most teens make little more than minimum wage) to take care of his girl friend and the baby — that is, if he even *wants* the responsibility of taking care of his child. It's amazing how many of these boys realize, all of a sudden, that they still want to be kids themselves, and aren't as grown up as they thought they were.

The same is often true about the feelings of the girl who has suddenly become a mother. Yes, she wanted to have a baby by the boy she thought she loved so much; she thought she was woman enough to handle the situation. Of course, she figured on help from her boy friend, which she is not getting, and now she also finds she is missing the things she would normally have been doing if she were still in school with her friends.

Where does she go from here? There's no help from her boy friend, she is tied down to the baby (or babies), and she has no one to turn to.

You would think that the parents of both the mother and the father would be willing to help their children in a bad situation, and try to keep them from making the same mistake again; often, however, that is not the case. For some reason, the parents of the boy tend to feel the same way that the boy or the father who left home feels — namely, that it is the girl's problem, not the boy's or that of the boy's parents. Who does that leave? The girl's parents.

The boy's parents say he is too young, and cannot shoulder that kind of responsibility. What happened to the girl? Isn't she just as young and unable to cope? She will probably wind up on welfare, tied down to her baby and left hanging onto nothing, while the boy shuns his responsibility and continues on with his life.

This is real life; it goes on every day, both in our city and in cities across the Country. What is the answer to this real-life dilemma? Is there one? If there is an answer, it surely won't be an easy one. Is the answer abortion, or adoption? Or is it more sex education, both at home and at school? Just what is the solution?

After the baby is born, it's too late for sex education, birth control, or abortion, although adoption is still an alternative answer.

Adoption will not be done, according to the young mother, and that is her legal right. So, what is to be done? Is the mother of this baby going to be

the one to really suffer? NO! Is the young father going to suffer? NO! Who, then, will be suffering? The baby! It is as simple as that. The baby will suffer for the mistakes of the young parents.

Who else suffers? Certainly not the parents of the boy — the parents of the girl are the ones who will shoulder the responsibility. The taxpayers also suffer; after all, it is their money that pays for the welfare the girl will be forced to live on. Still, after all is said and done, it is the baby who suffers the

most because the father is too immature to realize he has a responsibility and the mother is too young to be able to help herself.

Kids having kids — it's a terrible situation that everyone says shouldn't have happened after it already has.

There is a lot of talk these days about birth control, but it's not fool-proof; there is much said about abortion but, all too often, that only leads to that same mistake being repeated.

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up with any sort of solution to stop, or at least slow down, these problems? The answer to that lies in the future, since only time will tell what the Committee will or will not suggest we do concerning our children's health-care needs. I do know, however, that not enough parents are attending these RAHAC meetings; the Committee cannot determine the needs and interests of the children without the input of their parents.

If you would like more information, you can contact Ms. Conway on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 941-1600. □

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The proposed conversion of Peoples Community Hospital Authority (PCHA), and its five community hospitals to United Care, a private, non-profit corporation, is the subject of misunderstanding, and consequently opposed by a few area officials. I'd like to clarify some of the confusion and encourage my fellow public officials to support the changeover as I do.

First of all, changing to United Care will in no way change the Mission of the hospitals that have served us so well for so many years, including Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Heritage Hospital in Taylor. Service will not only continue as it is now, but will improve because as a private, non-profit organization opportunities to expand into new and needed health care areas will exist.

Changing to United Care will also allow the hospital system to go ahead with the planned affiliation with Oakwood Hospital, a well-respected and medically advanced institution. The expertise of Oakwood staff will allow our hospitals to improve services to residents through new joint ventures.

Changing to United Care will help save 3,800 jobs. Independent consultants have forecast that without the conversion, PCHA's financial condition will continue to weaken, resulting in reduction in services, possibly even hospital closings, and at the same time the possibility of wholesale staff re-

ductions. Conversion to a private, non-profit status at least gives the corporation a fighting chance to turn the financial picture around.

The legislation permitting this changeover includes guarantees that the assets of the hospital system will always be used for health care. Taxpayers who were assessed over the years for PCHA paid their \$4 to \$6 per year for the expressed purpose of supporting health care, and that promise to the taxpayer must be kept. It's worth noting, however, that the millage (2/10 mill) will be eliminated once the conversion takes place.

Keep in mind that United Care is a non-profit corporation, as is the Salvation Army, the Michigan Cancer Foundation, and most other hospitals. Non-profit corporations are strictly regulated by the federal government and IRS and must function for the public good only, not for personal gain.

The transfer of the hospital system from PCHA to United Care places in the hands of the United Care Board a public trust. The Board members are people who live in our communities, many of them have served on the PCHA Board, several are public officials. They recognize and accept the Mission of health care service they must meet.

The creation of United Care to run our hospital system has been strongly endorsed by our 3,800 employees, medical staff, Local 79 SEIU employee union, been approved by the Legislature and Governor, and supported by the great majority of member communities and officials. This conversion is too important to be held up.

Change is sometimes hard to accept. But often, it is the only means of survival.

Sincerely,
Noah "Pete" Bergeron

Editor's Note: Romulus City Councilman Bergeron, who was previously a member of the 47-member PCHA Board of Directors, has just been elected to the 15-member United Care Board of Directors and serves as its Vice Chairman. He is also one of the three Executive Committee members and serves as Vice Chairman of the Professional Affairs Committee.

Mr. Adkins:

I was extremely upset and horrified when a student showed me the below-copied cards (*Editor's Note: not shown here*) which was received from the Romulus Highschool. I do not ascribe to PLANNED PARENTHOOD values, and certainly I don't want my kids utilizing any of their services. "Separation of church and state" prohibits our distributing any Christian phone numbers lest we "force our values on other people" What gives Planned Parenthood the right to force their values on our kids?

Please, can we address this problem? How about someone defending our rights?

I thought that by State Law, the issuance of birth control devices, counseling, or referrals, was prohibited.

Look at the phone numbers on these cards! Well, so much for enforcing our state laws!

The myth that sexual activity among teen-agers is "normal" is exactly that — a myth. A teen-ager does not have to be sexually active to be normal! And sex-respect could be taught in our school without imposing religious values on our kids. The spread of sexually-transmitted diseases (and AIDS) has rendered it a *MEDICAL* issue! And issuing condoms does not make "safe" sex — they have a 5-15% failure rate in halting pregnancy, and a MUCH GREATER RATE in the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases. **CALLING THE NUMBERS ON THESE CARDS DOES NOT GIVE THESE FACTS!**

Really Concerned,
D.C.K. □

Radford's Son Injured

by D. A. Atkins

Marilyn and Jim Radford have been keeping a close vigil over their son Rick.

According to information received by *The Romulus News* a few days ago, Rick Radford was on his way to school when he was involved in an accident that threw him through the windshield of his vehicle. Since that time, Rick has been in a coma in the intensive-care unit of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, although he has shown some

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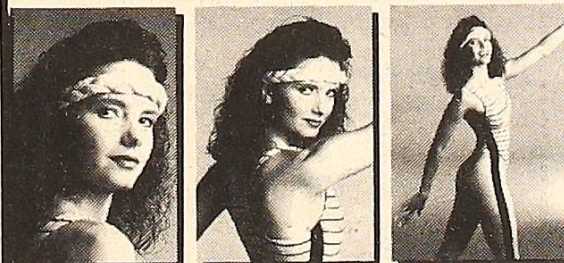
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THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

News from the Senior Center

Thanks to Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator, for the following information from the Romulus Senior Center.

Busy Bodies. Did you know there are some busy bodies at the Center on Thursday mornings? Sure, there is some talking and laughing, but you won't really hear a lot of gossip.

Seriously now . . . we have a great group of seniors coming in for an hour of stretching, flexing of limbs, and walking.

After some warm-up exercises, the class has been enjoying the beautiful weather by going outside to walk the half-mile paved track behind the Center. We then proceed back inside the building to finish our exercises. This is a very sociable activity that is enjoyed by all who attend.

Come by Thursday at 10 a.m. We have room for a few more busy bodies!

Health Insurance Problems. The Senior Alliance has initiated a new program designed to assist seniors with coping with the complex system of Medicare and other health insurance benefits. Volunteers, trained as counselors, are able to explain insurance benefits and resulting problems, and also assist in filing claims and appeals. Counselors work one on one with those seeking assistance. There is no charge for this service. For information or to make a reservation, call 722-2830.

News from the Romulus Tower

Thanks to Jean Smith, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for the following information.

This and That. It is getting close to bazaar time, so get out your needles and craft patterns and your recipes for a good bake sale. The event will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on November 10, 11, and 12. We are hoping for plenty of customers, so help in publicizing the bazaar, to insure its success, would be appreciated.

There's no need to ever have a dull moment at the Tower, because of the many activities that are planned each month. Besides special events, there is Bingo on Tuesday and Thursday, Bible Study on Wednesday, Church Services on Sunday, a Birthday Party each month, and Coffee Hour Monday through Saturday, as well as a Library in the lobby that's full of good books for your reading enjoyment anytime, and a card room for those who like to wheel and deal.

One of October's special events was an Anniversary Party for residents who had been married for 50 or more years. Those couples who celebrated were Floyd and Jessie Crandall, Harvey and Reba DeRosier, Hubert and Margaret Gilbert, Westley and Mildred Matthews, James and Jessie Swanigan,

Joseph and Joan Scibilia, Albert and Donna Thorne, Sylvester and Julia Traskos, Oscar and Etheline Ward, and Edwin and Geraldine Westbay.

On November 17, there will be a birthday/Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, with free Bingo following the meal. Those people celebrating November birthdays are: Bea Pemberton, Irene Nowakowski, Maxine Goachee, Shirley Wilson, Mabel Atkinson, Genevive Staffeld, Suzanne Hale, Edith Millward, Florida Philpot, Blanche Perrego, Pat Etler, Ed Westbay, Nellie Helen Zwalesky, and Nellie Barton. Hope your celebrations are merry ones.

The following people celebrated a birthday in October: Clement Courtney, Alma Fountain, Margaret Haliburda, Eva Harrison, Mildred Matthews, Marian Schrieber, Erzell Sands, June Tracy, Gerry Westbay, and Esther Yacoune. I hope all enjoyed their special day.

A Grand Celebration. A grand celebration was held by all who attended the Wingate Olympics. It was a fun day; everyone came home tired but happy, and the contestants were great. Plan on attending next year. (Thanks to Wingate Management for the great outing.)

Newlyweds. Charles and Frances Fry took a trip to Germany for their honeymoon.

Free Breakfast. A free breakfast was given to the seniors of the Tower by the Romulus Junior High School on Wednesday, October 12. They picked up a bus-load of seniors, who appreciated the breakfast and wish to give a special thanks to the Junior High.

Luncheon. On Saturday, October 15, Romulus Tower residents were guests at a luncheon given by women from the United Methodist Church. Again, we want to convey our thanks and appreciation.

Homemade Dessert. Romulus Community High School students will bring homemade desserts made especially for Tower residents on November 2 at 6:30 p.m.; they will be served in the Multi-Purpose Room. The students were here last year, also, and many residents felt a special rapport between themselves and the young people. How nice of them to think of us — thank you. □

Obituaries

Wesley G. Bellottie

Wesley G. Bellottie, a Romulus resident, died in his home October 31, 1988. He was 62 years old.

Wesley was the beloved husband of Theresa M. (Patrias) Bellottie and the dear father of David W. and Lawrence J. Bellottie, Mrs. Steven (Darlene A.) Hamerink, and Mrs. William (Denise C.) Szyndlar. He is also survived by siblings Herman and Atelio Bellottie, Mrs. Tressa Chuba, Mrs. Clarence (Gladys) Patrias,

Mrs. Betty Noe, Mrs. Joseph (Leona) Tomasulo, and Mrs. John (Marylou) Davis; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services for the Harper Grace Hospital employee will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, at Crane Funeral Home, with Father Walter Lezuchowski of St. Aloysius Catholic Church officiating; interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus.

Howard J. Bloss

Howard J. Bloss, a resident of the Romulus Tower, died October 28, 1988. He was 76 years old.

Howard was the husband of the late Virginia Grace Bloss and the son of the late Rose (Goutz) and Milton Bloss. He is survived by sisters Mrs. Mildred Stevenson and Mrs. Lutrell Hurd (both of Monroe), 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

The funeral services for Howard, who was a Firestone Steel Corporation retiree, were held Monday, October 31, 1988, at Crane Funeral Home, with the Rev. J.D. Landis of Community United Methodist Church of Romulus officiating; Romulus Cemetery was the site of interment. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

Please send memorials to the Cancer Foundation.

Roland K. Brooker

Roland K. Brooker, a 54-year-old resident of Romulus, died October 26,

1988, in Taylor, Michigan.

Roland was the beloved husband of Jennifer V. (Edge) Brooker; the father of John M., Dale J. and Gary A. Brooker; the stepfather of Jason R. Hill and Mrs. Dareen (Angela) Sietloff; and the son of the late Mary E. (Morin) and John A. Brooker. He is also survived by brother Richard Brooker, sisters Mrs. Thomas (Diane) Maras and Mrs. Robert (Anita) Roberts, and step-grandson Douglas.

Roland was a retired Wayne County fireman, and also served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 29, 1988, at Crane Funeral Home, with the Rev. Douglas Hartley of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Taylor officiating; Parkview Memorial Gardens in Livonia was the site of interment. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, Romulus. □

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Bronchitis

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Common Characteristics

Bronchitis is an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, or bronchi (the air passages that extend from the windpipe into the lungs). The inflammation may be caused by a virus, bacteria, smoking or the inhalation of chemical pollutants or dust. When the cells of the bronchial-lining tissue are irritated beyond a certain point, the tiny hairs (cilia) within them, which normally trap and eliminate pollutants, stop functioning. Consequently, the air passages then become clogged by debris, and irritation increases. In response, a heavy secretion of mucus develops, which causes the characteristic cough of bronchitis.

Acute Bronchitis

Brief bouts of acute bronchitis often evolve from a severe cold. This disorder may also follow or accompany the flu, or it may begin without having had an infection. Acute bronchitis usually lasts about 10 days. Severe cases may also cause general malaise and chest pain.

Seeking prompt treatment is advisable to prevent serious complications. If, for example, the inflammation extends downward to the ends of the bronchial tree and into the small bronchi (bronchioles) and then into the air sacs, bronchopneumonia results. The most effective way to deal with acute bronchitis consists of the following regimen: Avoid fatigue by getting proper rest, stay indoors when the weather is cold and windy, and drink large amounts of fluid to help keep the chest mucus liquefied. Congestive mucus should be coughed up, so avoid the use of cough suppressants. Your doctor may recommend an expectorant to help loosen the mucus. Older people should consult a doctor about whether to take antibiotics to eliminate the risk of serious bacterial infection due to lowered resistance. A doctor should also be consulted when sputum (the mucus mixed with saliva) produced by the coughing is greenish-yellow and thick rather than gray and watery, or when fever rises and chest pains become severe.

Chronic Bronchitis

Chronic bronchitis is defined as excessive mucous secretion in the bronchi and a chronic or recurrent mucus-producing cough that lasts three or more months and recurs year after year. In diagnosing chronic bronchitis, it is important to rule out heart disease, lung infections, cancer and other disorders that may produce bronchitis-like symptoms. Chronic bronchitis may result from a series of attacks of acute bronchitis, or it may evolve gradually because of heavy smoking or the inhala-

tion of air contaminated with other pollutants in the environment.

When the so-called smoker's cough is constant rather than occasional, the likelihood exists that the mucus-producing layer of the bronchial lining has thickened, narrowing the airways to the point where breathing becomes increasingly difficult. With the immobilization of the cilia that sweep the air clean of foreign irritants, the bronchial passages become more vulnerable to further infection and tissue damage.

Smoking

There is no doubt that cigarette smoking is the chief cause of chronic bronchitis, and recent studies indicate that smoking marijuana causes similar damage. Unless some other factor can be isolated as the irritant that produces the symptoms, the first step in dealing with chronic bronchitis is to stop smoking. To alleviate symptoms, a doctor may prescribe a combination of medications that will both open up obstructed bronchial airways and thin obstructive mucus so that it can be coughed up more easily. A steam vaporizer near the bed can also be helpful in easing chest congestion at night.

Early Detection of Tissue Damage

Gradual and progressive damage of bronchial tissue cannot be detected by chest X-rays. However, screening tests have been developed recently for measuring the early changes in respiratory function that eventually lead to chronic bronchitis and other respiratory disorders. Evaluation of these tests has shown that a high incidence of disease of the smaller airways is present in young people who have smoked for one to five years. Although completely free of obvious symptoms, these individuals are highly likely candidates for future respiratory diseases.

Help from the Doctor

For the heavy smoker suffering from chronic bronchitis, self-treatment is not recommended. Use of over-the-counter medicated inhalers and cough medications, unless specifically recommended by a doctor, may produce undesirable results. Also, there is no conclusive evidence that massive doses of vitamin C are effective in preventing bronchitis. If smoking is at the root of the problem and you have difficulty in stopping, ask your doctor for guidance. There are numerous stop-smoking programs, ranging from peer-support groups to those involving hypnosis and behavior-modification techniques.

Summing Up

Bronchitis — an inflammation of the bronchial tubes — may be caused by smoking, air pollution and viral or bacterial infections. Complications of a cold or flu may lead to acute bronchitis, which can be treated with bed rest and by drinking plenty of fluids and staying indoors in damp, cold weather. Suffering from a series of acute bronchitis attacks, smoking heavily or inhaling

contaminated air for prolonged periods may result in chronic bronchitis. Since chronic bronchitis can be life-threatening, it should receive professional medical attention, no matter what its underlying cause. □

Straight from the Heart

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

It's good to be back. I hope you enjoyed the summer.

Through the 16 years I have been in practice, I have come across numerous studies that show the effectiveness of Chiropractic care. The majority of these studies have been conducted by Medical Doctors. Time and time again, they show that, in back-related injuries, Chiropractic is more effective. For you, that means:

- less pain,
- less time off work,
- and less cost to your employer.

Here's a recent study I came across yesterday. Pass this around at your place of employment!

FCER Study Shows Chiropractic Is Cheaper, Better

The FCER has completed its second phase in a study of over 10,000 closed workers' compensation cases from the Florida Department of Labor and found Chiropractic care to surpass Medical care in back-related injuries and illnesses. The report shows that, under Chiropractic care, the length of disability was 48.7% shorter for non-surgical patients and 51.3% shorter for patients undergoing surgery. In both groups, the average cost of Chiropractic care was over 50% less than corresponding Medical care, rates of hospitalization were far less with Chiropractic patients (20.3% as opposed to over 51% for medical patients), and the average cost of Medical care was 83.8% higher for non-surgical patients and 95.3% higher for surgical patients. □

Employees Recognized

The Romulus school district held its First Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony and Reception at the Senior High School recently. The program was hosted by the Board of Education, and was designed to give recognition to employees with 10 or more years of service in the district.

Special singular recognition was also given to employees with 30 or more years of service. Those employees were teachers Donald Fawl, Donald McCrary, and Alderene Solomon; Transportation Supervisor John Hadyniak, Sr.; John Randall, Maintenance; and Junior High Head Cook Viola Willoughby.

The occasion was also used to announce the Board's "Extra Miler" employee-recognition program, which is designed to cite two employees each month who go that extra mile beyond the call of duty. Honorees will be nominated by their peers and selected by a screening committee.

These programs were conceived by then-President of the Board, Pat Patterson, as a way of showing employees that they are valued. According to Patterson, "Such a program was long overdue. Employees deserve to know that they are valued and appreciated; biweekly paychecks are not enough."

Superintendent Dr. William Bedell commented that the practice of recognizing employees fits well into the district's participatory management model, which he recently proposed and was adopted by the Board. "Effective school improvements start with staff involvement at all levels of the organization, and employee morale is an important part of it," he continued.

Although space does not permit us to list all of the honorees, those employees recognized for 20 or more years of service are listed below. (For the names of the 10- and 15-year honorees, or for further information, please contact Terrel M. LeCesne at 941-1600.)

30 Years of Service: Donald Fawl, John Hadyniak, Donald McCrary, John Randall, Alderene Solomon, and Viola Willoughby.

25 Years of Service: Terrell Bird, Henrietta Lewis, Douglas Maison, Ruth Richert, Nancy Shirley, George Simko, Virginia Smith, and Harry Willnus.

20 Years of Service: Lois Avery, William Babcock, Lucille Bender, George Bowersox, Linda Bradfield, Christine Brantley, Joyce Bujak, Oscar Butler, Tommie Butler, Elvira Cline, Harold Connon, Linda Cook, Glen Duke, Portia Duke, Alvin DuPree, Clyde Edwards, Annie Ellis, David Ferdon, Vernita Gilkey, Diane Golka, Mattye Green, Pauline Hargis, Russell Hasley, Dollie Havard, Annie Hines, Allie Mae Jackson, Celestine Jackson, Samuel Johnson, Gladys Jones, Hauke Kar, Mary Ilene Kelly, Michael Kernohan, William Knight, Richard Kruse, Robert LaChance, Terrell LeCesne, Betty Lenossi, Algertha Leonard, Floyd McClendon, Nettie McDonald, Gail Modzynski, Beatrice Morgan, Judith Nutt, Gideon Pettway, Jean Read, Sarah Reed, Karen Richard, Ann Scott, Sheryl Stallings, William Thomas, Nick Tottis, Susan Vogel-Anderson, Vivian Wade, Jordan Washington, Mildred Washington, Thomas Westlake, Fanice Williams, Richard Wiggird, Lovell Wooden, Ossilyn Woods, Elaine Young, and Michael Zaher. □

Meet Becky Laymon

Are you looking for a fitness program that is not too strenuous, yet gets you into shape while having fun? If so, Becky Laymon, a local Jazzercise instructor, has the program just for you.

According to Becky, Jazzercise is
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The Problem with Cars

by Tom Shamanski

When I was young and the Beatles were cute, I loved the cars I owned. If anything went wrong, I'd cry, "Hey, Dad, there's a problem with my car." No sweat! Now, lumbering past midpoint on my own lifetime guarantee, cars are mostly a nuisance.

It seems there's always some minor problem impatiently waiting to be fixed. And anything major? What's worse than a journey to the local mechanic? (I suppose a dentist drilling each tooth without numbing could be worse . . . but it's a close call.) You can almost predict repair costs by the frequency and intensity of the mechanic's groans as he peers under your hood. There's a set-point on these groans. When reached, you begin sweating profusely and your voice creeps up an octave or two. You sense the cost has soared beyond 'reasonable' and entered the land of 'industrial strength' bucks.

There are simply too many parts on a car these days. How often have you found a nut or bolt or plastic doohickey on the car floor and wondered where the heck it came from? When it happens to me, I'll halfheartedly try to find where it belongs, but I never do. How many of these small parts would have to fall off before the car couldn't run? I suspect hundreds. Maybe thousands. So . . . why are they there?

Daily maintenance can be as annoying as a major repair job. Since self-

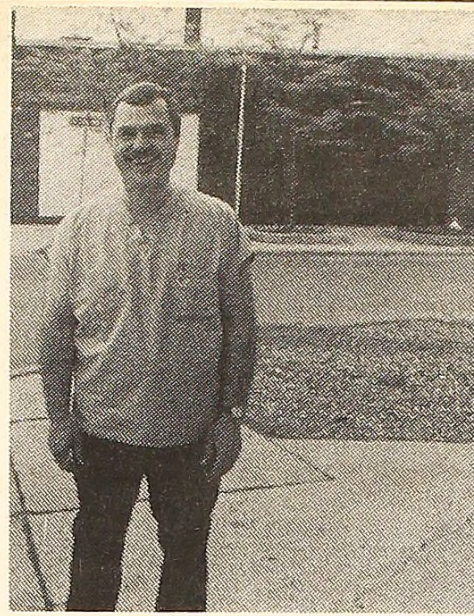
serve stations evolved, I've had five pairs of shoes drenched with overflowing gas. I figure there's an extremely tiny person in my gas tank. His job is to stop the gas flow when the tank is full. My little guy has bumbled — you've got it — five times. I'd make him buy me new shoes if he'd ever crawl out of my tank.

The instruction manual says: *rotate tires!* I've never done that. I suppose I should, but would it really buy me more miles per tire? If rotating tires is needed because cars ride unevenly, why do they ride unevenly? Can't car-makers fix this? Come on, Lee, buy a level!

The outside mirror on the passenger side drives me nuts, too. My little Escort doesn't afford the luxury of inside adjustment. If the mirror is off-target, I'm crawling over to the passenger side to fix it. And it happens constantly! I'd like to know who's messing with my mirror. Perhaps it's the little dude from my gas tank.

Am I alone here, or are new car radios more complicated than the lives of *All My Children's* children? It's rumored it takes 11 months for average people to conquer their new 'sound systems.' Gee, all I want to here is the weather!

It's too overwhelming for me. I believe I'll just have my Escort tuned, and keep it until one of us dies. Although . . . the other day, I spotted a snazzy Firebird for sale — fire-engine red with black interior and packed with goodies galore. Maybe the Firebird's gas-tank guy is sharper than my Escort's. Heck, that's reason enough to buy it! I think I'll cruise over and take another look. □



Person of the Year

The Ninth Annual Romulus Person of the Year is being sought by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. The only criterion for nomination is that the person must be someone who has made a significant contribution to the community.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office, located at 35350 Goddard. The nomination deadline is December 1, 1988. For more information, please call 941-5710. □

KIDS

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What will the babies of these child-parents learn? Who knows; worst of all, does anyone really care? Grandparents do (some of them, at least). So, if anyone out there can come up with a concrete solution to this most devastating problem that plagues so many, would you please send me a letter so I can inform the world?

When all is said and done, more will be said than done. □

Notes of Interest

by D. A. Atkins

The Mayor had a fund-raising breakfast a few days ago, and it was one of

the best that I, personally, have been to in a long time. Many City officials were there, as were officials from the County and the State — Jim Kosteva, Milton Mack, representatives from local businesses, and many others, too numerous to mention.

What made it such a great breakfast was that there were no long, drawn-out speeches that no one wanted to hear that early in the morning. The food was great and the people at the Ramada were exceptional.

The breakfast was so well attended that there was standing room only and, all in all, everything went very well. The tickets for the event were \$50 each but, for everyone there, it was \$50 that was well spent. □

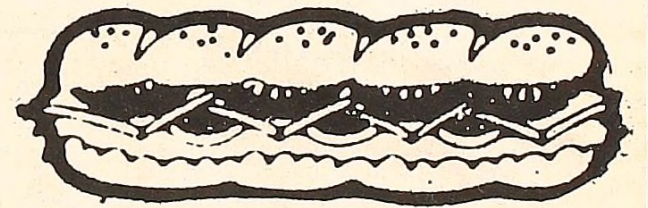
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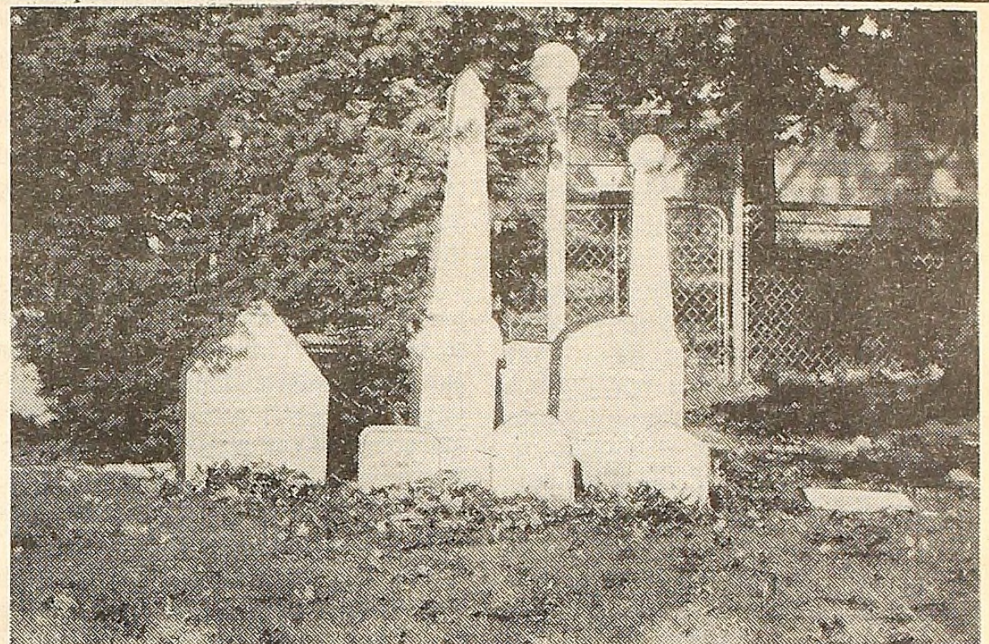
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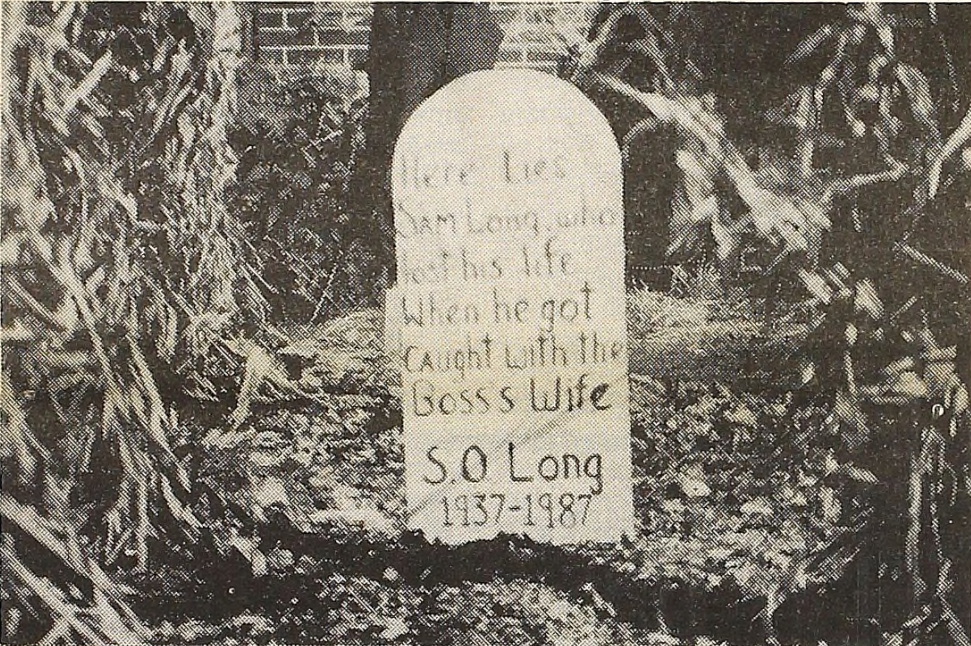
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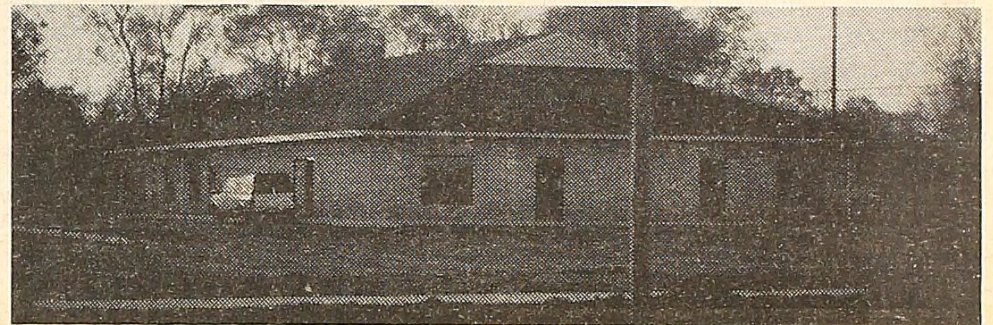
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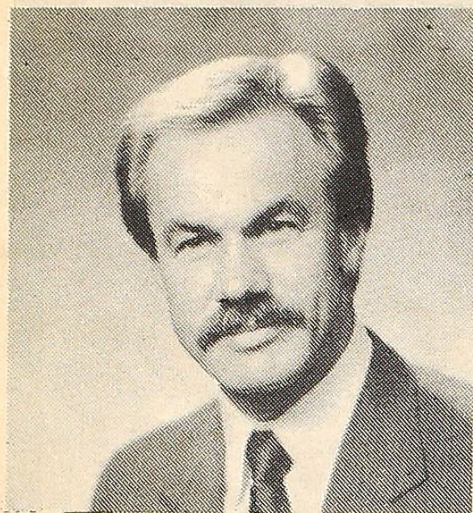
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KOSTEVA'S REPORT



James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

New Law Requires Biodegradable Six-Pack Rings

A new State law will require the six-ring devices that hold beverage containers together to be made of a material that will dissolve within one year when exposed to sunlight and other natural elements. Many Michigan fish, birds and animals have died after becoming entangled in discarded plastic, especially in these kinds of holding devices.

Bill Would Extend Medicaid Long-Term Care Coverage

House members are considering a bill that would extend Medicaid benefits to long-term care patients who have exhausted all the benefits of an approved long-term care insurance policy, without requiring the individuals or their spouses to 'spend down' to personal impoverishment. Most standard insurance plans will not cover long-term care. Medicaid, which is designed to pay for health care for low-income people, does provide this coverage, but patients and their spouses must spend all of their savings and dispose of all their assets before they can qualify.

New Law Requires Insurance Coverage of Adolescent Drug Treatment

A new State law requires specified Michigan insurers to cover adolescent drug rehabilitation treatment in approved hospitals or specialized facilities. Insurance policies held by many Michigan residents have not covered expenses of drug-treatment hospitalization for adolescents, forcing some families to place their chemically dependent children in out-of-state rehabilitation facilities.

Michigan Health Initiative Launched

A new \$11-million State program is designed to promote health in Michigan work-places and to help State residents learn about AIDS prevention. The Michigan Health Initiative will direct \$5 million in grants to employee health programs in small- and medium-sized companies, while another \$6 million will be dedicated to the State's AIDS education projects and to expand voluntary testing and counseling programs across the State.

Parking Permits for the Temporarily or Permanently Disabled Upgraded

In order to prevent able-bodied motorists from abusing handicapped parking privileges, the State will be issuing newly designed, more-identifiable parking permits for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities. The new temporary permits will display the expiration date in easy-to-read bold print and will then deteriorate after a reasonable amount of time. Applicants for the permits will have to provide more specific information from their physicians in order to obtain a permanent or temporary sticker.

House Bill Would Establish Retirement Benefits for Volunteer Firefighters

A bill recently introduced in the House would create a new program of retirement benefits for volunteer firefighters. Under the proposed program, local governments could choose to contribute to a new State fund, up to \$5 per month for each firefighter who wants to participate. Volunteer firefighters who serve for at least 10 years would be able to draw benefits from the fund after retirement at age 55, or if they become permanently disabled through injuries sustained while on duty as a firefighter.

Bills Would Require Well-Water Tests

A House committee has approved two bills that would require persons constructing a drinking-water well or selling property that contains a well to test the water for specific contaminating substances. The bill would require the builder or seller to test the water for coliform bacteria and nitrate, with the results supplied to the property buyer and to the State and local health departments. If the seller did not complete the tests, he or she would have to pay the costs of reducing contamination found in the water.

Michigan Leads Nation in Child-Support Collection

A Congressional committee has determined that Michigan continues to be the most successful of all 50 states in collecting child-support payments owed to State residents. Nationally, fewer than one in four families entitled to child support from a non-custodial parent are able to collect what is due them. In Michigan, cooperation between court officials, law-enforcement personnel, and State departmental experts have allowed at least 55% of State families in this situation to collect full support payments. In 1987 alone, more than \$531 million was collected for Michigan families.

Bill Would Refine Adult Guardianship Procedures

House lawmakers will consider a bill that would allow more timely intervention by social-services agencies when an adult whose health or safety is in danger refuses medical help or other protective services. The bill would eliminate a requirement that a physi-

cally or mentally vulnerable adult must be in a 'life-threatening situation' before an agency can petition the courts to place the adult in a protective guardianship relationship. Proponents of the measure maintain that earlier intervention can prevent unnecessary institutionalization of vulnerable adults.

New Law To Improve Hotel Safety

The Legislature has approved a bill that will require Michigan hotels, motels, and most inns to install smoke detectors in each sleeping room and to provide fire extinguishers in all areas where flammable materials are stored or used. The measure also requires specific fire-safety signs and staff training to prepare for fire evacuation, panic or other emergency.

Neighborhood Builders Alliance Has Been Established

The new Neighborhood Builders Alliance has been established in the successful Michigan State Housing Development Administration. Earlier this year, the Legislature approved funding of Neighborhood Builders Alliance grants for local neighborhood improvement projects, crime prevention programs, abandoned building solutions and services to neighborhood residents. The Alliance will also establish pilot programs in Michigan's major urban areas, to match young adult gen-

eral assistance recipients with minimum wage jobs in neighborhood improvement projects.

Legislative Forum is a weekly television program of news, discussion and commentary from the Michigan House of Representatives. Check local TV and Cable listings for stations and broadcast times. □

New Arrival

Timothy Allen Kalasz

Timothy Allen Kalasz is the latest addition to the family of David and Regina (Means) Kalasz, of 35656 Smith Road, Romulus. Timothy was born at 6 a.m. on October 22, 1988, at Beyer Memorial Hospital. He measured 21 1/2 inches and weighed 10 pounds, 1 ounce.

Everyone in the family gave Timothy a warm welcome home, especially his 11-month-old brother, Ryan David; maternal grandparents Robert and Rose Means of Romulus; paternal grandparents George and Sandy Fox of Ypsilanti; and great grandmothers Eleanor Moore and Isabell Kalasz.

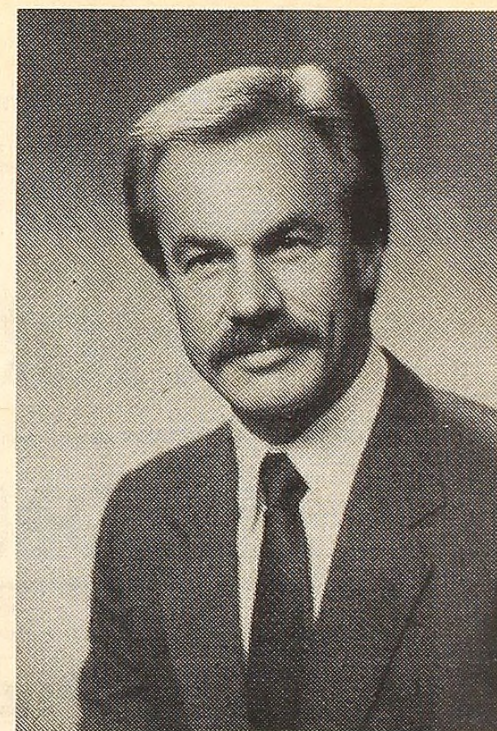
Timothy will be baptized on December 11, 1988, at St. Aloysius Church. His godparents will be Stanley and Rae Lipkowski. □

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INTRODUCING BECKY LAYMON

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not competitive. It is a series of simplified, fun Jazz-steps that are also a very effective exercise. Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace, whether it's a low- or high-impact rate.

All Jazzercise instructors demonstrate the lower and higher impact in every session; a physiologist helps insure that the routines are both safe and effective.

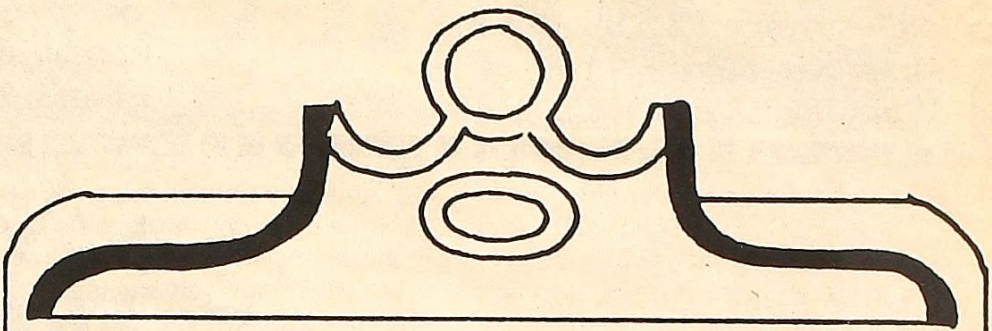
Instructors are certified through the home office of California. They are CPR-registered, and educated in physiology. To keep current on health and exercise, Becky has attended various seminars and conventions in places as distant as California and as close as Lansing, Michigan.

Becky, her husband, and their three children reside here in Romulus, and Becky, who teaches her Jazzercise

class in Romulus, as well, is a well-known person in the community. The class meets at Barth Elementary, on Barth Street near Huron River Drive, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Laymon adds that Jazzercise is the number-one dance fitness program in the world, with 4,000 instructors and 400,000 students. It is a fun program that lasts only 60 minutes, providing you with a warm-up, 25 to 30 minutes of aerobics, muscle toning, stretching, and a cool-down period. Age is no barrier; however, minors are not permitted. (A Junior Jazzercise for children is being planned for Romulus in the near future.)

If you would like more information, please call Becky at 942-7042, or contact Romulus Adult Education. □



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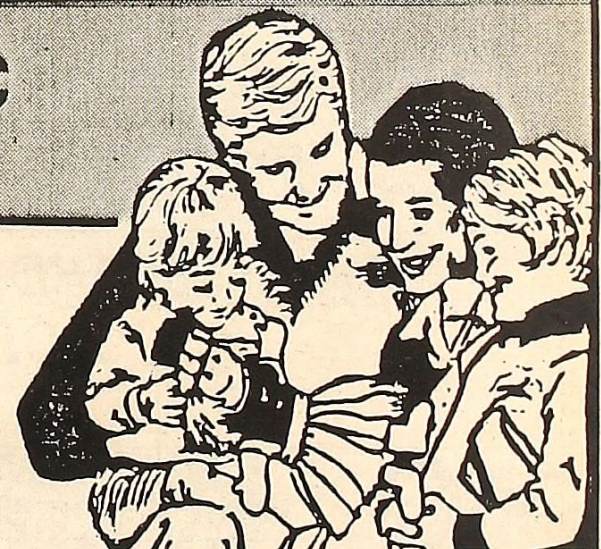
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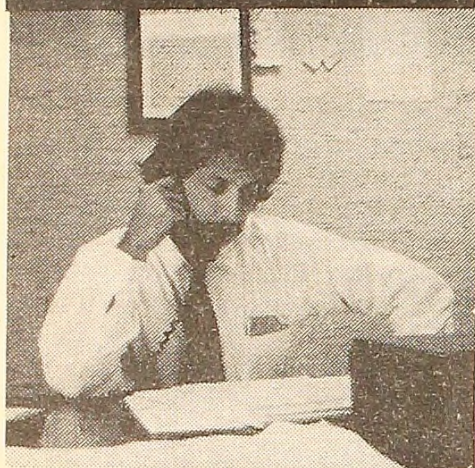


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by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

It has been brought to my attention that an employer in Romulus is refusing to pay wages to his employees. This article is addressed to those individuals who have not been paid wages that are due them.

First of all, an employer must pay each employee all wages earned on or before the first day of each month for all wages earned during the first 15 days of the preceding month and must pay on or before the fifteenth day of each month for all wages earned between the sixteenth and the last day of the preceding month.

Employers may pay on a regularly scheduled weekly or biweekly schedule if: 1) wages are paid on the established regularly recurring payday, and, 2) such payday occurs on or before the fourteenth day following the end of the work period for which the wages were earned. Also, an employer may pay wages monthly provided the employer pays the employee on or before the first day of the month for all wages earned during the preceding month.

In short, if there is no agreement as to when an employee is to be paid, an employee is to be paid by the first and the fifteenth day of each month. An agreement as to a specific payday is acceptable if the agreement is, in fact, adhered to and the employee does not have to wait more than 14 days to be paid. Finally, a monthly pay schedule is acceptable if that is the agreement between the parties and payment is made on the first of each month for the preceding month's work.

Any employee who feels that his employer has violated the law regarding the payment of wages may file a written complaint with the Michigan Department of Labor, 1200 Sixth Street, 15th Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226; the phone number is 256-3584.

Of course, an employee may also file a civil suit in court for any wages earned but not paid. If the amount owed

is under \$1,500, the employee may bring suit in 34th District Court, Small Claims Division. This action would save the employee from attorney expenses.

The Department of Labor has the power to levy a penalty against an employer at the rate of 10% annually. The penalty would begin when a complaint is filed and would end when payment is made. Also, the Department may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 against an employer who refuses to pay wages, with the civil penalty being credited to the general fund of the State of Michigan.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should

be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

RADFORD BOY INJURED

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signs of improvement recently, and even opened his eyes, briefly, on Monday. Scans and other tests are being performed.

Marilyn Radford is the Personnel Director of the City of Romulus. All who know the Radford family wish them well, and hope that Rick will recover and return to his family soon. □

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SCHOOL SPORTS 'N' NEWS

Fall Sports Banquet Set

Our Fall Sports Banquets have been set for Monday, November 28, and Wednesday, November 30, in the High School cafeteria.

"This is a change from our calendar dates as printed because of the District Girls' Basketball Tournament that we will be hosting on November 18, 21, and 23," stated Romulus Schools' Athletic

Director Fred Coleman. "I want to let parents know now so they can make plans to be there, if possible."

A local caterer will be providing the meal for athletes and parents at 6 p.m., with awards presentations at 7 p.m.

"Because of the large number of athletes who participate in our programs, it is necessary to have two separate banquets," added Coleman, "so we are inviting the Varsity and Junior Varsity Football Teams, along with their parents, on Wednesday, November 30, and the Cross Country, Girls' Basketball, Golf, and Cheerleading programs on Monday, November 28."

Tickets for these events can be obtained from Mr. Coleman for \$6. Questions should be directed to 941-3414. □

Golf Wrap-Up

by Laurie Berlin

This year, when fall Golf practice began, 13 students were there to start out. All had high hopes for the team's success in its second season in the South Central Conference league.

The team finished in fifth place in all the League meets, showing just how stiff the competition really was. In non-League competition, the Varsity lost several close meets, finishing with a record of four wins and six losses. The

Junior Varsity team finished with a great record of six wins and one loss.

This year's Varsity team included seniors Pete Bergeron and Jeff George, juniors Bob Darocha and Ed King, and sophomores Mike Bergeron, Ben Good, Ed Tank, and Chris Vavro; the J.V. team consisted of junior Gary Hardt, sophomores Tim Blake, Rochelle Brooks, and Steve Hocker, and freshman Timothy Howell.

With the top three players and six letter-winners returning, the future in Golf looks bright. Good job, guys! □

Cross Country

by Jennifer Daniel

With just the Regionals to go, the Romulus Cross Country teams have wrapped up their 1988 season with final records of 2-12 for the boys and 6-9 for the girls.

In the teams' last meet against Melvindale, the boys and girls both came out with a victory. The boys, led by Tim Gondek, Chris Chambers, Izell Watkins and Todd Bennett, won 18-41; the girls, led by Yvette Mason, Dasha Ray, Lisa Roy, Patty Imielowski and Susan Rocha, scored a 20-43 victory.

This year, the South Central Conference was again won by defending State Champion Ann Arbor Pioneer, continued on page 15

Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, October 10, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, October 10, 1988, was called to order by President Berlin at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Wilkerson absent (excused). Administrator Carr was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlin.

Approval of Agenda:

10/88/1 Motion by King supported by Langley the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

10/88/2 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner the Minutes of September 12, 22 and 26, 1988, be approved as corrected below. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

*(Note: On Minutes of September 26, 1988, Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (King). Motion carried.)

Corrections to Minutes of September 12, 1988

9/88/11 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Bales to 50/50 support Recreation busing until the millage election. Ayes: 3 (Bales, Patterson, Wilkerson). Nays: 4 (Kesner, King, Langley, Berlin). Motion lost.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Lynn Webb commented on Wick's carpeting and asked about baseboard installation.

Dick Kruse, Band Director, reported on a billboard on I-94 reflecting the Band's high performances.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval: **A. Retirement:** Blondell Butler, Cafe. - Jr. High, Eff. 11/23/88; and Joan Murray, Cust. - Wick, Eff. 1/1/89.

10/88/3 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board of Education approve the Personnel Actions as presented by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Third Annual Golf Outing

10/88/4 Moved by Langley supported by Bales the Board approve as presented the Resolution of Appreciation for its Corporate Sponsors of the Third Annual Golf Outing held Oct. 1, 1988. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

10/88/5 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Letter of "Thanks" - Three Coaches

10/88/6 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board send letters of "Thanks" to Ron Bayes, Norbert Glover and Wayne Schimming for their outstanding years of service as coaches in our Athletic Department. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Budget - 1988/89

10/88/7 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board of Education adopt the Romulus Community Schools General Fund Budget for 1988-89 with revenue of \$25,898,634 and expenditures of \$24,702,919. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Debt Fund Resolution - November 8th Election

10/88/8 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board adopt the Resolution of Intent as presented to reduce the debt fund millage by 4.5 mills this year 2 mills next year of the successful passage of the two operating millages on November 8, 1988. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Hale Creek Donation

10/88/9 Moved by Bales supported by Langley the Board of Education approve \$919.45 from 1.5 Mill Fund to assist with the Hale Creek PTG equipment purchase. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Millage Update

Dr. Bedell made a brief report on Millage Election.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Policy Minutes - August 28th; 2) Letter - City Planning Firm; 3) NJROTC Inspection; 4) In-formula Group Letter; 5) R.A.S.A. Officers; 6) MASB Honor for Romulus Board; 7) O'Day Case Letter; and 8) Junior Class - EMU Visit.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Kesner: Commented on article in *Romulus News* on Millage Election. Felt the article was good explanation of the Fund transfer.

Member King: Asked about the Board's participation in "Board's Unified for Funding in Schools". Member Berlin is still attending meetings.

Member Langley: Reported on attendance at MASB Conference.

Member Kesner: Reported on Partnership Program with business and industry.

Executive Session - Negotiations

This item was deleted from the Agenda this evening.

Adjournment:

10/88/10 Moved by King supported by Patterson the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Fred Coleman,
The Coaching Staff,
and the Fall 1988 Athletes

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with Romulus finishing fifth in both boys and girls.

"The team ran very well, and I'm extremely proud of them," said Coach Dan Henry.

With times of 18:32 for Tim Gondek, 19:18 for Ricky Liberty, and 20:03 for Chris Chambers, the boys came up one point short of taking fourth place from Ypsilanti.

The girls' team, with Yvette Mason leading the way with a time of 22:26 (just missing the current school record of 21:47), finished fifth behind Ypsilanti. Yvette was followed by Dasha Ray, with 23:32; Amanda Lindsey, with 23:56; Susan Rocha, with 24:48; and Patty Imielowski, with 24:51. Yvette Mason finished twentieth overall in the Conference meet.

Coach Henry summed it up by saying, "There was a tremendous time improvement from our first meet, and I'm very optimistic about next year's season with the returning underclassmen. This was one of our best finishes ever in this league, which always seems to produce the State Champion. I am really looking forward to working with these young men and ladies next year, and I think our school and community will be proud of what they will see in 1989." □

Long Time Coming!

by Fred Coleman

"It's about time," said Varsity Football Coach Norbert Glover. "These kids have played hard each week, with probably the toughest schedule in Wayne County. . . . They deserved this win and I am so happy for them, especially the seniors leaving the program."

The schedule taught these athletes what they needed to know to totally dominate the Willow Run Flyers (26-6).

The first two possessions for the Eagles ended in touchdowns, with junior quarterback Robert Hoth throwing a 26-yard pass to Arol Trinity for six points, and then sneaking over from the seven-yard line for the other score. Both extra-point conversions were made by senior Co-Captain Paul Nowicki, and the team had a 14-0 lead very quickly.

"Our defense, which has played well all year, took over from the beginning and never let up on the Flyers,"

added Coach Dan Stearn. "Our whole defense was super, especially the line, with Randy Rhoden (four quarterback sacks) and Guam Lee taking charge."

The Eagle defense held Willow Run to a total offense of only 30 yards for the game, giving up only six points on a blocked point. Ricky Champagne, senior Co-Captain, and Thom Patterson, a junior, held up the middle of the defense, while Rhoden and junior Tony Callockio took control of the ends. This caused the Flyers to attempt many passes, and Virgil Davis, Michael Maull, Malcolm Rachal, and Tim Kosikowski were more than ready to shut down the passing game. Kosikowski ended up with two interceptions and a 47-yard run back, while Malcolm and Michael just missed on two other occasions.

The offense, led by Arol Trinity (87 yards) and Ali Campbell (42 yards) controlled the ball with two long drives that ate up a lot of the clock. Sophomore Eben Smith also had a fine night, while quarterback Robert Hoth had probably his best outing of the 1988 season.

The Eagles travel to Belleville next Friday for a 7:30 p.m. game with their neighbors. It looks to be a great game, and I hope that many of our fans will come to see this fine team finish its 1988 season. □

J.V. Football, 1988

by Fred Coleman

The Romulus Junior Varsity Football program wrapped up the 1988 season by taking on undefeated Belleville High School.

"This was a very solid football team," said Coach Bill Barnes. "They had a very quick backfield and an outstanding line that we just had trouble controlling."

Since it was the last game of the season, first-year coaches Bill Barnes and Jim Carlisle made an attempt to play everyone in the game as much as possible.

"We have a lot of these young men returning to our team next year," commented Coach Carlisle, "and that should give us a solid group to build around. We hope that many of this year's freshmen football players who, for some reason, chose not to play this

year, will be there in August when we begin our 1989 campaign."

The team's 1-8 record does not show the true talent, as there were a few games that could have just as easily been victories. Backs Shedrick Davidson, Lamont Kennedy, and John Valentine, and quarterback Kyle Foster all have a bright future in the Romulus program. Linemen Joe Adkinson, Matt Avery, Joe Damron, Michael Mintz, William Morris, and Michael Walton could help the Varsity program immediately next year, and freshman end Jason Burkitt had an outstanding season and will help either program that he is assigned to next season.

"Our defense played well all season," said Barnes, "and I really look for some of these athletes to help the Varsity next year. I really enjoyed this season, and I only wish our victories would have come in greater numbers. We had a tough schedule, and it's not going to be any easier next year, but if our freshmen return and we pick up a few good players off of the Junior High team, I really believe that there will be a major turnaround soon in the won/lost column," he concluded.

Congratulations to our J.V. players on a season that was disappointing from the standpoint of victories, but was a job well done by a great group of young men. See you next August! □

State District Basketball

For the first time ever, Romulus has been selected to host a girls' basketball tournament.

On Friday, November 18, Monday, November 21, and Wednesday, November 23, five schools will compete to see who will move on to the State Regionals at Plymouth Canton High School; those five schools are Romulus, Belleville, Southgate Anderson, Taylor Truman, and Taylor Kennedy.

"It's nice to be playing at home for a change," stated Coach Ron Bayes, "but it puts a little more pressure on our girls. It sure is nice to win the Districts, but it's even nicer to win them at home. We're going to be ready by then, and I really look to do well. All five teams are about equal and it looks to be a great tournament. I just hope we

come to play because, if we do, we might just win this one."

Romulus plays at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 18, against an opponent that was to be determined at a November 1 drawing at the High School.

"I'm very pleased that the State has given us this District. Last year, we hosted the girls' volleyball District and received numerous compliments," said Athletic Director Fred Coleman. "Our Girls' Varsity team is playing so well together now that I hope we can take this initial tournament trophy and put it right in our showcase."

Hopefully, many students and faculty members will attend to support these girls, since it's amazing what a little noise can do to lift your spirits and help you accomplish feats not necessarily expected of you.

Don't forget: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, November 18, 21, and 23. Attend the State Tournament at home this year, and see guaranteed-great games for only \$3. For ticket information, call 941-3414; Watch for teams, games, times, and other particulars in the next issue of *The Romulus News*. □

Varsity Basketball

by Laurie Berlinn

The Lady Eagles have added another victory to the season to make their record eight wins and three losses. The ladies beat Taylor Baptist Park, 68-34, to get their hopes up again.

In this game, Jennifer Daniel led Romulus with 17 points, Laurie Berlinn had 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Carletta Jackson followed closely behind with 12 points. Both Sue Molenda and Rochelle Hawk added eight points each.

The next game was a tough loss. The Eagles had hoped to beat League-rival Adrian, but came up short in a 42-34 decision. Laurie Berlinn led the way with 11 points and nine rebounds, and Sue Molenda followed with nine points and four rebounds.

Last Tuesday, the Eagles beat a strong Belleville team, 46-41. Belleville was tough, but the Lady Eagles would not give up. Laurie Berlinn led all scorers with 22 points and 15 rebounds, while Carletta Jackson added nine

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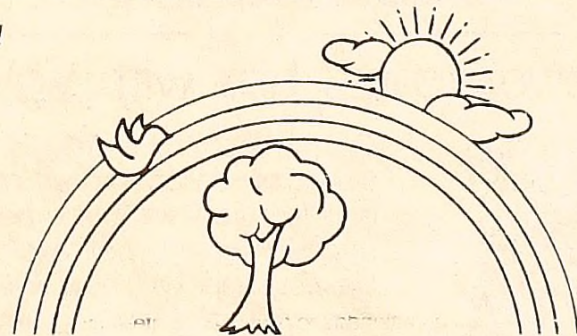
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points. Also scoring were Sue Molenda with five points and five rebounds, and Rochelle Hawk and Jennifer Daniel, who contributed four points each.

By adding two more wins to their record, the Lady Eagles hope to hit .500 before the end of the season. Good luck, and keep up the good work! □

J.V. Basketball

by Fred Coleman

Coach Julie Price and her young Eagles moved their record to an even .500 with victories over Ypsilanti and Taylor Baptist Park, while dropping two tough games to League-leader Adrian and Temperance Bedford.

"We just weren't ready to play in our loss to Bedford," said Price. "We have been playing excellent defense for the last month, led by Angie Slawinski and Hattie Forbes, but, for some reason, we just came out flat. You just

can't do that against a program like Bedford's."

The Hopewell twins, sophomores Angie and Kim, have been lighting up the rim on offense, both averaging over 10 points per game, while freshman center Carmita Brown has been steady in the middle with a 14-points-per-game average.

"We play so hard on defense that our bench actually plays a large part in our victories," added Price. "Danielle Blackmon, Kellie Tessin, and Trudy Villareal have made a big impact by giving our starters a break that is truly needed."

The girls only have two remaining home games, which will take place on Friday, November 4 (vs. Essex, Canada) and Tuesday, November 8 (vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Hope to see our basketball fans at these games. □

Dinner with the Governor

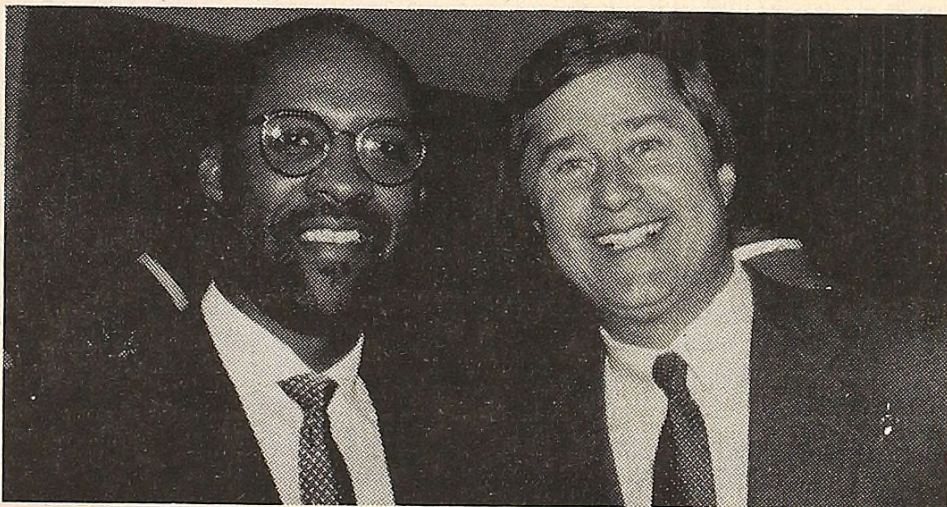
by Randy Gear

On Tuesday, October 25, the President of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, Cliff Johnson, his wife, Marie, and I were invited to Governor Blanchard's home in Lansing, along with other elected officials from the Wayne County area.

The evening started off with a get-acquainted gathering and dinner, and then continued with a personal address by the Governor. He thanked everyone for coming, and spoke about about the

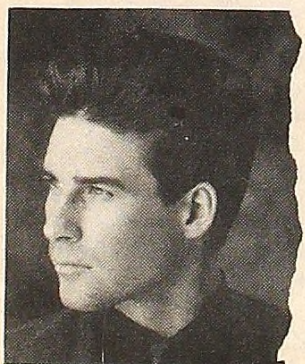
great comeback that has occurred in our state and the positive things that are taking place in Wayne County. He also spoke on the importance of making sure that all of our citizens participate in the upcoming general election on November 8, no matter what the final outcome.

Both parties must continue working together for a better Wayne County, a better State, and a better Country. □



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NEWS FROM THE "REC" CENTER

Congratulations

Congratulations to Justin Pitel of Merriman Elementary for winning the regional Punt, Pass and Kick Contest. He will now represent the City of Romulus in the nine-year-old age group at the Silver Dome at the end of November.

Youth After-School Program

The Youth After-School Program will continue during the fall and winter months. Third and fourth graders will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Barth, Cory, and Wick schools, with Hayti, Merriman, and Halecreek going from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. Fifth and sixth graders will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays following the same schedule. The activities scheduled are floor-hockey for November and December, and basketball for January through March. The cost is only \$10 per participant, which covers the entire program, a t-shirt, and transportation.

Students who had paid and registered for the soccer portion of this program are also paid through the floor-hockey and basketball portion.

The Recreation Department is in need of a couple more coaches for this program. If you are interested, please call the Department office at 942-6852.

Registration for students can be made on the first day of the program by sending a \$10 check with your child. (Make checks payable to the Romulus Recreation Department.) Permission slips are available at the program from the leader.

Dinner Theatre

The first dinner theatre of the season will be held on Wednesday, November 9, at Wick Elementary. The Ann Arbor Goodtime Players will present *The Peanuts Gang Goes Broadway*, and cameo appearances will be made by some Romulus students. Romulus students who are interested in performing should contact the Recreation Department office at 942-6852. Dinner (pizza) will be served at 6 p.m., and the performance will begin at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each; children age four and under are free.

Drop-In Programs

The Recreation Department is offering the following Drop-In Programs: Co-Ed Volleyball (Mondays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the North Junior High; cost is \$1), Teen Basketball (Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the North Junior High, and Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Halecreek Elementary; cost is 75¢), and Men's Basketball (Thursdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Beacon Center; cost is \$1).

Youth Rollerskating Trips

The first of two Rollerskating Trips to be held this month will be on November 11. A cost of \$4 includes entrance, skate rental, transportation to and from Westland's Skateland, and adult supervision. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 4 p.m., and will return at approximately 7 p.m. Advance registration must be made by 12 p.m. Thursday, November 10.

The second Trip of the month will be held Friday, November 25 (the day after Thanksgiving). The cost of this outing is \$5, which includes entrance, skate rental, transportation to and from Woodhaven's Skateland, and adult supervision. Registration must be made by 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 23.

Youth Bowling League

A few more openings are available for a Monday-afternoon bowling league at Romulus Lanes. Youths of any age are eligible. Bowling will begin at 4 p.m. Contact the bowling alley, at 941-1640, for more information.

Parent/Child Bowling Tourney

This event is open to the first 30 adult/child couples. It will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 5 p.m. at the newly renovated Romulus Lanes. The cost is \$15 per couple, which includes awards for the top three finishers, mystery games, pizza, pop, and bowling for dollars. Registration must be made and fee paid in advance at the Recreation Department office. For further information, call 942-6852.

Adult Nine-Pin Tap Bowling

This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, beginning at 9 p.m.

at the Romulus Lanes. The cost is \$15 per team, which includes bowling, pizza, all jackpots, and cash prizes for at least the top three finishers. A team may consist of two women or one man and one woman. Registration must be made and fee paid in advance at the Recreation Department office. For further information, call the Department office at 942-6852.

Flower Arranging

Flower arranging classes will be held in the Recreation Building from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on four consecutive Monday nights: November 28, December 5, December 12, and December 19. People of all skill levels are welcome to attend. A \$5 fee is charged for the four weeks, and supplies are extra. Pre-registration is required by November 23. □

Impressions of America from Spain

by Montse Baraza

I said I would write another article for *The Romulus News*, so here I am again.

America is just a bit different from Spain; customs aren't the same but people are similar.

Anyway, I enjoyed my visit to your country. Now I know two cultures, and can tell a lot of things about both of them.

In Spain we have a saying: "Spain is sympathy," and that's true if we compare Spanish people with European people, but I think that America has nothing to envy Spain in that point.

I think that you are funny, sincere, simple, generous, open-hearted, courageous, proud, and sweet. You live with freedom — by that, I mean you don't worry very much about social conventionalities, and that's really good. You are interested in the problems of the people you know; you are open to other ideologies; you are liberal and independent. You like working, and you love eating!

Our character is very similar, but we are traditionalistic, exaggerated, methodical, impulsive, nervous, restless, and passionate. We don't like working, but having fun, and we worry too much about social conventionalities.

When I was in America, there were a couple of things that surprised me. First, we can't drive a car until we're 18. Second, your speed limits are pretty low, therefore you drive slowly, very slowly. Our speed limits are higher, and nobody obeys them; if it's 80Km/hr people drive at 100, if it's 100 they drive 120. As you can imagine, the number of accidents is extremely high.

You drive relaxed, and we drive

arguing with the people in the nearest car. Spanish drivers get mad quickly.

It is said that American life is a fast life, but, in some aspects, Spanish life is faster.

Another thing that surprised me was that you can't buy alcoholic drinks until you're 21; in Spain, we can buy them whatever our age.

I was surprised when I found that lots of girls get married very young. In Spain, people get married when they're around 25 — that's when they finish their education and when they get a job.

Many American girls have babies when they're teenagers. I don't think that's good or bad — everybody can act like he or she wants — but that's a big mistake in Spain because society can't accept it.

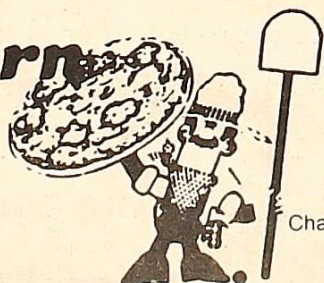
I have to talk about American food, too. At first I didn't like it, but, at last, I got used to it. People in Spain think that your food is bad, but the truth is that they spend their time in McDonald's or Burger King. But our food is more natural; it has to be this way, because women are in the kitchen cooking the whole day!

I miss the American food, especially the frozen yogurts and the crazy bread. The only thing that I couldn't understand was how you can eat so much. But I think that shows that you're full of life.

When I was in Romulus, many of you asked me if, in Spain, there were bulls running in the streets. Of course not! That only happens on July 7, because it's a tradition in some parts of Spain. I think that question was very funny! □

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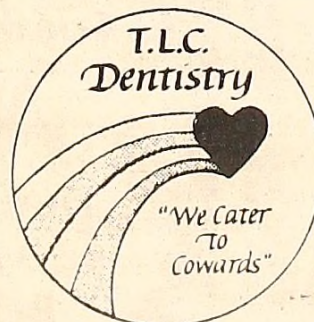
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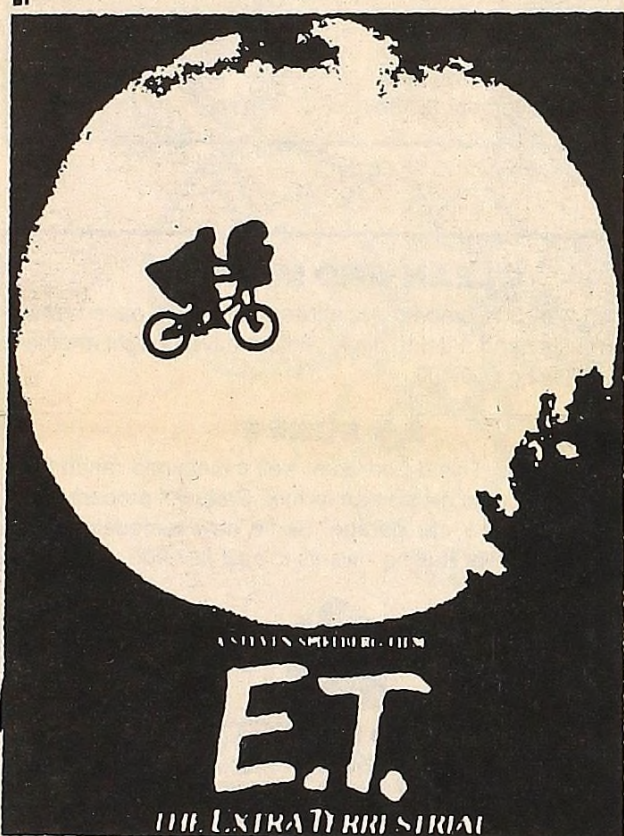
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